THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation (NPRI). Under the REGP, 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and additional 10% of the cost of the project above Rs. 10 lakhs but upto Rs. 25 lakhs is provided as margin money. This programme is being implemented in all the States of the country. Under the NPRI, the KVIC has identified 50 Rural Clusters in the States of Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura and Manipur for developing common facilities.

(c) The performance of Khadi and Village Industry on All India basis and in Maharashtra as on 31.3.1999 is as under:

Performance	All India	Maharashtra	
Production	5112.37	930.89	In crores of
Sale	5601.00	1201.23	rupees
Employment	58.29	4.65	In lakh persons

(d) Details of allocation made during the current year for promotion and development of agro-based industries in Maharashtra are as under:—

Grant (KVIC)	Rs. 536.73 lakhs
Loan for Capital Expenditure under CBC	Rs. 230.97 lakhs
Loan for Working Capital under CBC	Rs. 953.45 lakhs

Percentage of Sick Small Scale Industries

†5012. DR.D.MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of sickness in the small scale industrial sector is constantly increasing;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the percentage of the sick industries which were found in the country during 1998-99 and 1999- 2000;

(c) whether mismanagement is the major factor which is responsible for their sickness; and

(d) if so, the percentage of the industries wherein sickness has been assessed due to mismanagement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the lastest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India from scheduled commercial banks, the number of sick small scale industries at the end of March, 1997, 1998 and 1999 are as under:—

As at the end of	Total number of sick small scale units
March, 1997	2,35,032
March, 1998	2,21,536
March, 1999	3,06,221 (Provisional)

The extent of sickness in terms of percentage to total SSI units as on 31 st March, 1999 (provisional) works out to 9.8%.

(c) and (d) The causes of sickness are manifold, namely, inadequacy of credit, marketing problems, delayed implementation of projects, poor management, infrastructural problems, technological problems, etc. Mismanagement is one of the factors responsible for sickness. Separate data on percentage of units falling sick due to mismanagement are not maintained.

Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme

5013. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme for the development of small scale industries in rural, backward and hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress made by UD scheme in this hilly State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?